

Sept 16, 1862

we got  
macks  
we were  
be as  
to strike  
meat

In Camp

My Dear wife

Pray for me  
I am well  
I have no  
orders to do  
the time for  
but I am  
progress we  
posse

two days & I  
will have a  
present know the  
Capitol

Toronto  
now. What  
but with  
Captains

as Capt. John  
F. & wife  
Perry and  
John

and Mrs. John  
Perry and  
John

John and  
John

John and  
John

John and  
John

May all be  
well

giving you  
and  
rest I am quite tired

all the time  
am off to jump all  
over the world to move

but I am  
counting the days and then

I will have a  
few day  
I will be a  
member of

have every good  
fare as Capt. John  
F. & wife  
Perry and  
John

and the  
presume  
of the  
stop

we have  
got to  
cont

Spur Glacis I  
had to the  
letter of our

some  
Franklin  
will  
the rest of  
believe  
Cooking

They are good cooks Savin. I must stay  
for a while I have got to see to some guns  
good evening. We have got done @illing & been  
to supper I have eaten as much as Uncle  
James did of Porrige we had Broad & Butter  
Potatoes meat Tomatoes Molasses Tea &c. I have  
one of the appetites. I tell you I feel first rate  
I tell you. Lt Robinson has gone home he  
got news of the death of his wife so he start-  
ed for home yesterday morning. he is  
to be gone nearly a day some of us think he  
may not ever come back a great many  
say that they hope he will not I have noth-  
ing to say for my part the mail has just  
come in but no letters for me I rather looked  
for one but I must learn to take things as  
they come I suppose but still I would like  
to have heard from you but I will wait with  
patience you know her I presume you must  
write me & let me know where mother is so  
I can write her I guess I will write her at  
Boston anyway. I saw Townsley yesterday  
morning he was moving out into the country  
after his home Regiment he was with his regt  
most from. We are about 12 miles from  
Washington on the road to Fredericksburg  
we won't move any farther forward but will  
counter march back to Washington but

We can't tell I presume you get -  
news of affairs before we do. I will have  
to stop for Roll call in a few minutes  
I presume you have heard of the result  
of the last Battle we have been success-  
ful very at Harper's Ferry they gave the  
Rebs perfect fits I tell you we got General  
Lee at the Ferry, I say we I mean the Federal  
army this morning the Report was that we had  
Stonewall Jackson in between two Mountains  
& gave him until to night for Surrender I am  
afraid he will back out and get away in  
some quarter but Murry not I hope not I tell you  
there has been a report that we would  
have to go and burn the Dead of the last  
Battle but I guess not and I certainly hope  
not I tell you we fetch it a driller  
now we have Battalion Drills that is as  
you saw us move on @ o'clock Parade at Jackson  
all together it is pretty nice movements I tell  
you we go through the Manoeuvring of fire-  
ing & Loading Retreating Rallying coming  
into line charging up Infantry and Cavalry  
and being attacked by the same storming  
parts & being stormed it is pretty nice  
that different Manoeuvres we do most of  
them very well the Colonel says for  
New Recruits it is rather tiresome

I dont know how long it will be before  
I will write to any of the rest of the  
folks around there but I will do you much  
as I can tell them but you must tell  
the folks what you are doing to what I  
I write to you most of the Boys and in  
fact I guess all of them have written home  
and some of them two or three times. I want  
you to write me and let me know how Drafty  
gets along and how much wheat we had and  
Barley also and how much wheat the folks are  
getting in and getting along with it how are  
things in general how is Ned & Boeve how is  
Dick does he get over his lameness any & is he getting  
up in good condition has William Sawed any  
wood with my machine has he drawn any wood  
for me or Father Father is he going to take my  
Coat & Pants & how much is he going to give  
for them, I presume you have heard of my  
being in Oshkosh camp before now by his writing  
& Kibb writing. I dont know as I ever asked you  
how long you got home from Detroit - neither how  
long you stayed there. I saw Uncle Alas house in  
Washington the last time I was there & the Post office  
I was in there it is a splendid affair I think  
but still the house dont look like a house but  
more like a castle than anything else I can  
compare it to. I have just got in from Redell  
Goelach P.M. just got bad news the top of Zearlers  
Ferry we have just set out - a freight - both ways  
from our camp. I hope tomorrow we will have

Sept. 16, 1862. In camp, about 12 miles from Wash.  
Andrew Fair is sick. Jim Hawkins hasague  
Sgt. Pennington went home ~~and wife's death~~  
Expects to write his mother at Boston. Heard  
that Federal army was successful at Harper's Ferry,  
& that Stonewall Jackson is trapped between two  
mountains. Expects to have to bury dead.

